



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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### **22 VAC 40-250 – State Board of Social Services Agency Placement Adoptions-AREVA April 1, 2003**

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 21 (02). Section 2.2-4007.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

The proposed regulations will expand the maximum time for registration with adoption resource exchange program from 30 to 60 days following termination of parental rights and update and clarify the regulation to reflect current practices.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

These regulations contain standards and procedures for Virginia's adoption resource exchange (AREVA) program. AREVA program maintains photo listings and narratives of children waiting for adoption. Current regulations require registration with AREVA within 30 days of termination of parental rights. However, the Department of Social Services indicates that the 30-day requirement is unrealistic because (1) official court documents confirming termination of parental rights are frequently not available within this timeframe and (2) actual registration process generally takes longer. Thus, it is proposed to increase the maximum timeframe for registration with AREVA from 30 to 60 days.

This proposed change will make the regulations consistent with the actual registration timeframe followed in practice and improve compliance with the established timeframe in the regulations, but is not expected to have any significant fiscal or economic effects.

In addition, the proposed regulations include several other updating and clarifying changes to reflect other current practices. For example, references to adoptive placement plan will be deleted, as it is no longer used by local agencies. Similarly, these changes are not likely to create any significant economic effects.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed regulations apply to each of the 121 local departments of social services in the Commonwealth. Currently, there are 549 children registered with AREVA.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed regulation applies statewide.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed regulation is not expected to have any impact on employment in Virginia.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed regulation is not expected to have any significant effects on the use and value of private property.